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6 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
7 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

8 TOMAREY PATTERSON,)
9 Plaintiff,)
10 v.)
11 DR. GEORGE et al.,)
12 Defendants.)
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2:16-cv-00088-JCM-PAL

ORDER

15 This action is a *pro se* civil rights complaint filed pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 by a state
16 prisoner. On June 17, 2016, this court issued an order dismissing the complaint with leave to
17 amend and directed plaintiff to file an amended complaint within thirty days. (ECF No. 2 at 7).
18 The thirty-day period has now expired, and plaintiff has not filed an amended complaint or
19 otherwise responded to the court's order.

20 District courts have the inherent power to control their dockets and “[i]n the exercise of
21 that power, they may impose sanctions including, where appropriate . . . dismissal” of a case.
22 *Thompson v. Hous. Auth. of City of Los Angeles*, 782 F.2d 829, 831 (9th Cir. 1986). A court
23 may dismiss an action, with prejudice, based on a party’s failure to prosecute an action, failure
24 to obey a court order, or failure to comply with local rules. See *Ghazali v. Moran*, 46 F.3d 52,
25 53-54 (9th Cir. 1995) (dismissal for noncompliance with local rule); *Ferdik v. Bonzelet*, 963
26 F.2d 1258, 1260-61 (9th Cir. 1992) (dismissal for failure to comply with an order requiring
27 amendment of complaint); *Carey v. King*, 856 F.2d 1439, 1440-41 (9th Cir. 1988) (dismissal
28 for failure to comply with local rule requiring *pro se* plaintiffs to keep court apprised of
address); *Malone v. U.S. Postal Service*, 833 F.2d 128, 130 (9th Cir. 1987) (dismissal for

1 failure to comply with court order); *Henderson v. Duncan*, 779 F.2d 1421, 1424 (9th Cir. 1986)
 2 (dismissal for lack of prosecution and failure to comply with local rules).

3 In determining whether to dismiss an action for lack of prosecution, failure to obey a
 4 court order, or failure to comply with local rules, the court must consider several factors: (1)
 5 the public's interest in expeditious resolution of litigation; (2) the court's need to manage its
 6 docket; (3) the risk of prejudice to the defendants; (4) the public policy favoring disposition of
 7 cases on their merits; and (5) the availability of less drastic alternatives. *Thompson*, 782 F.2d
 8 at 831; *Henderson*, 779 F.2d at 1423-24; *Malone*, 833 F.2d at 130; *Ferdik*, 963 F.2d at 1260-
 9 61; *Ghazali*, 46 F.3d at 53.

10 In the instant case, the court finds that the first two factors, the public's interest in
 11 expeditiously resolving this litigation and the court's interest in managing the docket, weigh in
 12 favor of dismissal. The third factor, risk of prejudice to defendants, also weighs in favor of
 13 dismissal, since a presumption of injury arises from the occurrence of unreasonable delay in
 14 filing a pleading ordered by the court or prosecuting an action. See *Anderson v. Air West*, 542
 15 F.2d 522, 524 (9th Cir. 1976). The fourth factor – public policy favoring disposition of cases
 16 on their merits – is greatly outweighed by the factors in favor of dismissal discussed herein.
 17 Finally, a court's warning to a party that his failure to obey the court's order will result in
 18 dismissal satisfies the "consideration of alternatives" requirement. *Ferdik*, 963 F.2d at 1262;
 19 *Malone*, 833 F.2d at 132-33; *Henderson*, 779 F.2d at 1424. The court's order requiring
 20 plaintiff to file an amended complaint within thirty days expressly stated: "IT IS FURTHER
 21 ORDERED that if plaintiff fails to file an amended complaint curing the deficiencies outlined
 22 in this order, this action shall be dismissed, with prejudice, for failure to state a claim." (ECF
 23 No. 2 at 7). Thus, plaintiff had adequate warning that dismissal would result from his
 24 noncompliance with the court's order to file an amended complaint within thirty days.

25 It is therefore ordered that this action is dismissed with prejudice based on failure to
 26 state a claim and plaintiff's failure to file an amended complaint in compliance with this court's
 27 June 17, 2016, order.

28 It is further ordered that the motion to proceed *in forma pauperis* (ECF No. 1) is denied

1 as moot.

2 It is further ordered that the clerk of court shall enter judgment accordingly.

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4 DATED: August 2, 2016.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE